

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Steven G. Fry, Shantanu Sarkar  
Assignee: Cisco Technology, Inc.  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS SUPPORTING NETWORK  
COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH A FIREWALL  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.312**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: